(b) if so, details of the steps the Government propose to take for early construction and completion of the said bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The delay was due to unexpected ground conditions necessitating a major change in design. An alternative proposal has since been approved. The works have now commenced and the bridge is expected to be completed by December, 1994.

Collection of Toll Tax on National Highways in Kerala

6063. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the bridge under construction on National Highway Nos. 47 and 17 which pass through Kerala;

(b) the details of the proposals for the construction of bridges on these Highways in future; and

(c) the total amount of toll tax collection on the bridge at Kottappuram on National Highway 17 and on the bridges at Cherthala bye-pass on National Highways 47 during the last years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no bridge under construction on NH 47 in Kerala. There are two bridges under construction on NH 17 in Kerala, namely Cherupalam bridge costing Rs. 19.92 lakhs and Rail over bridge including viaducts and approaches near Kuttipuram for which Road Authority's share is Rs. 127.91 lakhs.

(b) The details of proposals of the construction of bridges on these Highways in future are not known at this stage as Eighth Plan outlay for National Highways is yet to be finalised.

(c) A sum of Rs. 23.16 lakhs has been collected as toll tax on Kottapuram bridge on Nh 17 during 1990-91. There is no bridge on Cherthala bypass on Nh 47.

IDBI-Assisted Companies

6064. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial development Bank of India study on overall performance of assisted companies shows declaration in the growth rate of sales, output and profitability in 1991 compared with last year despite a favorable investment plan aid;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the study report of the Industrial Development Bank of India in this regard;

(c) if so, the main factors responsible for this;

(d) the steps being considered by the Government to meet the situation and whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been made during the annual plan of 1992-93; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). With a view to providing an indication of the performances of the corporate sector as a whole, IDBI has been analysing the financial performance of assisted companies in the private corporate